

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE

January 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review Case No. C-2008-055R, Tina Moser

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: January 8, 2009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Tina Moser applied for a Standard Elementary teaching certificate on December 10, 2007.

On her application for certification, Ms. Moser answered “no” to having been arrested for an offense for which she was fingerprinted. The Investigative Unit notified her that she failed to report an arrest for Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse on or about May 10, 2006. This arrest resulted in her fingerprint card being suspended by the Department of Public Safety. The Investigative requested a statement regarding this arrest. She faxed a statement on December 26, 2007.

In her statement, Ms. Moser explained that she took care of a disabled person in her home and on March 26, 2006, while Ms. Moser was at a grocery store, her daughter called to say that the disabled person was not breathing. After the police arrived, Ms. Moser told them she had been home with the person, not her daughter. Her daughter felt guilty and the next day told the school counselor. The counselor alerted the adult elder abuse task force and Ms. Moser was subsequently charged with adult abuse. That charge was later dropped and she pled guilty to false reporting. That conviction has since been set aside.

Ms. Moser also failed to disclose on her application and failed to provide a statement for a 1992 arrest for Theft, and an arrest for Failure to Appear.

On March 28, 2008, the Investigative Unit mailed a letter to Ms. Moser informing her that her application required a review by the State Board and requested that she submit additional documentation. Ms. Moser failed to respond to the March letter. Follow-up letters were sent on April 15, 2008, and on June 5, 2008, advising her that the State Board would proceed with a review of her application if she did not provide the requested documentation or withdraw her application within 60 days.

The Professional Practices Advisory Committee (“the PPAC”) reviewed Ms. Moser’s case on November 13, 2008, and made the following findings:

Ms. Moser’s application is substantively incomplete because it is missing the required and requested documentation, pursuant to A.R.S. 15-534.01. Ms. Moser failed to submit records from the licensing authority, police or other investigative reports relation to the incident(s) in question, a minimum of four current letters of recommendation, and a notarized statement concerning all of the incidents.

The PPAC recommended that Ms. Moser’s application for certification be denied as substantively incomplete.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW:

That the Board accepts the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC and **deny Ms. Moser's** application as being substantively incomplete.

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☒ NO ☐